! [Or Fist fight in Egypt's Parliament

CAIRO, Feb. 13 (R). — A fist fight erupted yesterday in Egypt's parliament for the first time in over 25 years, Egyptian newspapers reported today. Government and opposition members came to blows after the deputy speaker interrupted a member of the newly-formed Wafdist Party who was criticising the ruling Misr Party. Parliamentary guards intervened to stop the fighting and banmed press photographers from taking pictures, the reports said. Newspapers said it was Parliament's first such incident since a revolution overthrew King Farouk in 1952. Wardist member Ali Salama had accused deputy speaker Sayed All Sayed of deviating from a debate on a new

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Cease-fire holds in **Beirut but shelling** ontinues in the south

RUT, Feb. 13 (Agencies). —

ty artillery duels were re
ted near Lebanon's border h Israel today, while a cease-between Syrian and Leese forces in Beirot held to a third straight day communique from Yasser ifat's Palestinian high com-

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Ves Nad in Beirut charged that the der teamed with Israelists in shelling the guerrilla itrolled town of Nabatiyeh l four adjacent villages. leeing villagers reported t five locations came under

ivy artillery fire at dawn. y said they saw Palestinian i leftist Lebanese firing ba-

The governor's office in Sidthe provincial capital of so-- Lebanon, said there were - immediate reports of cas-Titles.

shelling followed intermittesniping and mortar exchangduring the night between guilla forces and the Israeliked Christian militias in the htwing strongholds of Qlei'a d Marjeyoun, close to the Is-

eli border. in the capital, a few bursts machine-gun fire and a loud olosion were heard during night in the eastern Chrisn district of Ashrafiyeh, sce-of ferocious fighting last

The rightwing French langu-dally Le Revell said people were killed near Rizk Hospital in Ashrafiyeh

t night during fighting bet-en Syrian troops and the . Schools in the eastern Chrian districts were closed toafter rightwing leaders

ided it would be preferable wait until security was furr stabilised. In the predoantly Moslem western distof Beirut however schools sbops were open. The Lebanese cabinet today

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GADISHU, Feb. 13 (R). — ousands of Somali volunte-

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ing today after a call to ar-by President Mohammad d Barre in which he said

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Brigadler Gen. Aden Abdul-

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aden war.

a alone.

The court will handle cases brought by a joint commission of inquiry, which will inves-tigate clashes which erupted in Beirut last week between Syrian troops attached to the Arab peace-keeping forces and elements of the Lebanese army

and rightwing militia. Lebanese and Syrian leaders agreed to the establishment of the court at weekend meetings when they discussed measures aimed at restoring conditions of normality following the

President Elias Sarkis today expressed best wishes to Syrian President Hafez Assad on his re-election for a second seven-year term and reiterated his appreciation for Syria's brother-

He recalled that Syrian troops bad been deployed in the country at Lebanon's request, President Assad meanwhile, sald in Damascus today Syria would continue extending e br-

otherly hand to Lebanon until it enjoyed total stability and normal life. The president was talking to a delegation representing a la-rge number of people from Tri-poli, north Lebanon, who had arrived to express support for

his re-election. President Assad today also received Imam Moussa Al Sadr, bead of the Shiite Moslem community in Lebenon, who argived bere on a similar mission. in addition to holding talks on

the Lebanese and Arab situati-

Lebanese leftist leader Walid Jumblatt today warned however that fighting between rightist Christian forces and Palestinian guerrillas and their allies in south Lebanon could get much worse.

In an interview with the Algerian government daily Al Moujahid, he blamed the conflict on the refusal of priveleged rightwingers to accept a charter proposed by the Arab "progressives," and added The current period, unfortunately, is only a truce".

Mr. Jumblatt, chairman of the Lebanese National Movement. also suggested Israel had designs on south Lebanon,

Cheering Somalis enlist in masses

while Ethiopians consolidate gains

Giving the first military bri-

In simultaneous thrusts north

and south of Harar and also

out from the other rear base

town of Dire Dawa to the north, e large four-leaved clover configuration of spreading go-

vernment control was emerging.

Diplomats in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, report the Eth-iopians, backed by Cuban and

Soviet personnel, are apparent-

ly making swift progress in their Northward thrust but on-

ly limited movement to the

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of Harar to the front line some

About 100 journalists were



ORDAN 4

Jordan will not compromise, King tells veteran brigade army

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - His Majesty King Hussein emphasised today that Jordan will not compromise one inch of Arab land, will defend Arab rights and will work for a better future for the coming generations.

Taking part in a ceremony today commemorating the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Princess Alia Brigade which coincides with Her Royal Highness Princess Alia's birthday, the King pointed out the active role played by the brigade in the fighting in Jerusalem during 1948 and in 1967 as well as in the battle of Karameh in 1968.

The programme included gymnastic and several military exercises. At the end of the ceremony King Hussein distributed cups to the winning

The ceremony was attended by the Commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces and top-ranking army officers.

Before being renamed in honour of Princess Alia the Brigade was known as the 1st Prigade.

Soviets may make neutron bomb too

MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (R). The Soviet Union today said in a commentry by TASS that it was prepared to produce its own neutron bomb if the West went ahead with its development of the

Ramallah mayor calls for halt to Sadat's peace initiative

The Mayor of the Israell-occupied West Bank town of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf has called on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to abandon his peace moves.

In an interview published today hy the Arabic daily Al Ra'i, Mr. Khalaf said 'President Sadat's peace initiative has given Israel increased moral power. He should now abandon bis peace efforts, return to Arab lines and restore an Arab solidarity based on a uni-fied strength."

"Our people in the occupied territories are in agony because of the current Arab situation. They want Arab leaders to forget their differences and return to the strategy of solidar-

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (Agencies). - ity and unity," the mayor ad-

Mr. Khalaf said he found that the Jordanian government fully understands the difficulties facing the people of the occupied areas, and was always ready to give them support.

On Sunday the Mayor of Ra-mallah held discussions with the Jordanian Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh, who is President of the Executive Bureau of the Occupied Lands Affairs, on conditions of the Ramallah citizens and on various projects of the town's municipality.

Mr. Khalaf will also be visiting Algeria, Libya, and the Gulf states with a view to obtaining financial help for these proBegin affirms Israel, U.S. will stay friends

Adopting conciliatory tone

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (AP). — Prime Minister Menachem Begin reaffirmed Monday that the hotly contested issue of Israeli settlements was open for negotiation, and he welcomed the resumption of U.S. mediation of the Mideast conflict.

Begin's conciliatory tone at a news conference sought to dispel a cloud of scrimony between Washington and Jerusa-lem. But Begin said he did "not regret one word" of a harsh cabinet statement Sunday which accused Secretary of State Cyrus Vance of "ta-king sides" against Israel on the settlement issue.

Israel's demand that it retain the score of settlements in Sinai after the area reverts to Egyptian sovereignty "is part of our peace plan," Begin said, "And as I always repeated, my friends, everything is negotia ble except the destruction of Israel... our peace plan is ne-gotiable, with all its details." In a possible signal to the U.S. government, Begin confir-med reports that work had ba-

lted on expanding the Sinal villages, but gave no reason. Begin also left the impression that Israel would fight any move to disband settlements,

saying that all of Israel, except for the minority Communist Party, opposed taking down the outposts. Vance's statement Friday that the settlements were ille-

gal "and should not exist" sparked the toughest message to Washington so far by Begin's eight-month-old administration. A cabinet communique Sunday registered Israel's 'regret and protest." Begin added that Vance's statement "hurt us very deep. We reacted to it in the most natural way

But be said the open rift with Washington would not affect the American role as mediator in Egyptian-Israeli negotiations. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton is due here next week to reopen a

sbuttle mission to work out a declaration of principles of a The friendship between the

United States and Israel, I am absolutely sure, will continue," Begin said. Israell officials said Vance's tough statement, calling for a Palestinian homeland linked to Jordan and Israeli withdrawal on all its three fronts, will make Atherton's job more diffi-

"Our apprehension of possible pressure from the United States will make us more cautious." said one official who declined to be named.

Begin's stern reply to Vance was supported by editorial oplnion and by prominant memb-ers of the Parliamentary opposition. Former Foreign Minister Yi-

gal Allon said the Vance statement "could bring peace talks to a dead end," and warned that "a mediator has to know his limits."

Dayan tells U.S. not to give arms to Egypt

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Agencies) — The United States should not provide military equipment to Egypt until a peace agreement has been reached in the Middle East, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan

At a dinner here on Sunday. for about 500 Israell bond sup-porters. Mr. Dayan expressed Israeli fears of continuing U.S. He said be was convinced

that Sadat was serious about reaching a peace agreement, despite the current deadlock in negotiations, However, said one stumbling block is President Sadat's insistence that other Arab nations must join in a peace pact.

Mr. Dayan said, for example, that Jordan's statements that it will enter into the agreement if Israel withdraws from all occupied territory and allows establishment of an independent Palestinian state indicates that "The King of Jor-dan doesn't want to join in negotiations."

In Jerusalem, Mr. Begin expressed "regret and protest" over U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's comment last Friday that Israel's settlements in Sinai should not exist.

On NBC television's 'Meet the press" programme, Mr. De-yan said he felt Mr. Vance was slding with Egypt on two key points -- the Sinei settlements question and Israel's concern to maintain e military presence on the West Bank,

Mr. Dayan said the Israelis were under the impression that President Carter had "in a way" accepted the Israeli peace plan originally proposed to President Sadat and that plan did not call for Israel to give up Sinai entirely.

Mr. Dayan said Israel had no intection of interfering with the lives of the Palestinians on the West Bank once they were granted self-rule.

But be stressed that Israelis had the same rights as any Bedouin Arabs to settle there once that happened and that Is-rael needed to maintain military positions there for its own Mr. Dayan, who is on a 10-

day visit to the United States will meet Mr. Vance on Thur-

Sadat says progress in search for peace rests with Atherton shuttle

dat left here tonight for Cairo declaring himself fully satisfied with his eight-nation tour to explain his Middle East peace strategy.

ROME, Feb. 13 (Agencies). — Egyptian President Anwar Sa-

"I am really fully satisfied with all those I met and all the discussions I concluded", he told reporters at Rome's Ciampino airport before leaving. Mr. Sadat's 12-day tour has

also taken him to Morocco, the United States, Britain, West Germany, Austria, Romania and France, where be held talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. During his stay in Rome President Sadat met with Italian President Glovanni Leone and caretaker Prime Minister Gullio Andreotti. Italian sources said Mr. Leo-

ne told President Sadat that he hopes "other interested Arab countries" will join the currently stalled peace talks. Italian Foreign Minister Ar-

naldo Forlani told newsmen after the Sadat-Leone meeting that Italy expects the peace process to be "long" and that "perserverance" was needed for active participation of all Interested parties."

President . Sadat also met Pope Paul VI, for the second time in two years. Observers, here said this underlines the Vatican's interest in a Middle East settlement.

In a commentary a few bours before Mr. Sadat's audience with the Pope the Vatican radio said the Egyptian president's efforts for peace in the Middle East "deserve the sympathy and support of men of good will."

President Sadat told a press conference in Paris earlier today before leaving for here that he had been beartened by his talks with leaders in the U.S. and European countries. Mr. Sadat denied at the

press conference that he had made any request for new weapons to the French President. President Sedat said that the U.S. diplomatic shuttle between

Jerusalem and Cairo now is the only possible line of progress towards a Middle East peace settlement. Mr. Sadat said he had agreed with U.S. President Jimmy Carter that Assistant Secretary

of State Alfred Atherton "would continue the sbuttle until there is a definite change" in the Israeli attitude "and the gulf between (Egypt and Israel) is bridged." Asked what Israel must do.

Mr. Sadat said that through Mr. Atherton's shuttle "we intend to reach an agreement on a precise declaration of principles - not a vague one."

"Until we reach this declaration, we cannot continue" the negotiating process, the Egyptian president said.

The declaration must include Israeli agreement to evacuate the occupied territories and to self-determination for the Palestinians, Sadat said. Once it was achieved, the remaining details "could be settled in a week or ao."

Asked about Jordan's role Sadat said it was "quite natural" that when there was an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, King Hussein should join the preparations for withdrawal and security as Egypt will for Gaza."

He added, with emphasis, that this would be "for the interim until we reach a definitive solution."



Ethiopian soldiers inspect what they claimed today was an overturned Somali tank, on the road between Harar and Jiliga in the Ogaden region, (AP wirephoto)

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Major Ethiopian gains The Ethiopian army, driving rough and mountains in a unier-offensive against Som-

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w will also be sent into the 40 kms, from the city. The Somall leader said U.S. The silence at the front was retary of State Cyrus Vance unbroken and field officers said I called for the withdrawal they had not fought the Soma-Soviet, Cuban and Somali lis for two weeks. ves from the Ogaden region. We can understand when

The Ethiopian force moving south of Harar to prevent any Somali counter-attack behind the main front line on the road to Jijiga advanced more than 30 kms in three days, indica-ting that the Somalis either fell back under preliminary ar-

tillery bombardment or decided to make a tactical withdrawal. Harar showed few marks of the battles which the Somalis reported taking place, and there were relatively few signs of battle along the dusty

track to the front Col. Mulatu, in a briefing in

efing for-the press since the Ogađen war began nearly seven months ago, eastern front co-mmander Col. Mulatu Negash an ornate room of one of Harar's elegant large French-built buildings, estimated thet the Somalis bad suffered about said his forces had advanced 40 kms, from Harar down to-10,000 casualties in the war. wards the Somali-occupied to-

Diplomatic moves Somali leaders are reported

to be contacting all member nations of the U.N. Security Council to try to have tabled a resolution calling for an end to the fighting and to outside

Somalia's Ambassador in Paris said today his country was ready for a ceasefire with Ethiopia provided the right to selfdetermination of the Western Somali people was recognised.

The ambassador said Somalia was not against the idea of a federation of the Ogaden region with Ethiopia or Somalia but this could take place only after a referendum on self-de-

termination. The Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Egypt had sent a message to the Organisation of African Unity on the seriousness of the dispute, urging fresh African efforts to

Meanwhile, Newsweek International has charged that the Somali government hes been covertly to buy arms through a European consortium. The report named France, Italy and Spain as in some way involved in the arms shipments and Saudi Arabia as the finsn-

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Round 1 to Carter. Round 2 to Begin. Round 3?

The exchange of sharp remarks between American and Israeli leaders this weekend about Israel's settlements in Arab territories was bound to come out into the open sooner or later, and it reflects the untenable and basic contradiction in both Israel's and America's postures in the current peace-making effort. On the Israeli side, the contradiction is wanting to have peace as well as maintain control of occupied territories and refuse to see the reality of the Palestinian national sentiment that the Palestinians want to activate in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. On the American side, the contradiction is providing Israel with the life-sustaining support to maintain the status quo while simultaneously saying that it, the United States, is a fair mediator that has the full confidence of both the Israelis and the Arabs.

As will happen with all contradictions by definition, sooner or later they start falling apart at the seams, and that is what we are witnessing now in the rather pointed remarks being traded between Messrs. Carter and Vance in the American corner, and Messrs. Dayan and Begin in the Israeli corner. It is in the interest of the Arabs to help bring this fundamental divergence in American and Israeli interests to the forefront, and to help intensify the contradictions that are so evident today. The main value of this would be to bring the Americans to the realisation that if they are really serious about playing the mediator's role in the Middle East, they will have to start putting their money where their mouth is. That is, the United States will have to start dealing more forcefully with its client state of Israel in those areas where the American position has been stated so clearly by none other than Messrs. Carter and Vance. This includes the area of the settlements, an Israeli withdrawal and legitimate Palestinian rights. The Israelis have shown they are willing and able to stand up to the Americans. The Americans, unfortunately, have yet to show that they are willing or able to stand up to the Israelis.

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AL RA'I, on Monday, said it seems the conflict over the legality of Jewisb settlements has re-erupted between Israel and the United States hecause the Israeli media has "opened fire" on U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for objecting to the settlemental While this campaign goes on Egypt, for the first time, has accepted the holding of a United Nations peace conference as an alternative to the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks if these fail. This shows that Egypt is on the path of abandoning the separate talks with Tel Aviv. It is hoped that all nations join the call for such a U.N.-sponsored conference in an effort to remove the shadow of disaster from the area.

AL DUSTOUR said the Israeli attitude appears to remain the same after recent objections to U.S. criticisms of Israel. The attitude can be summarised as follows: Israel argues the Palestinian self-determination issue from the point of view of the number of airplanes all Arab nations possess. It argues the status of the occupied Golan Heights from the point of view of a military strategist. Finally, it argues the whole question of peace from the point of view of a presumed continuation of war.

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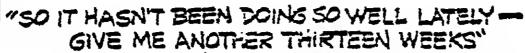
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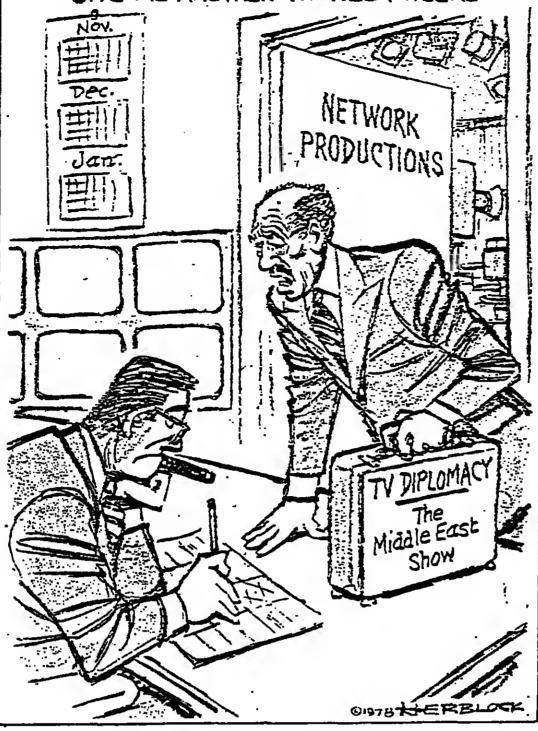
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University professors protest Israeli occupation practices

We have just received this open letter, distributed on Jan. 6, 1978 on Birzeit Letterhead paper. It refers directly to an incident involving brutal treatment by Israeli occupation forces of a student of Birzeit University which we reported in the Jordan Times of last week,

As the headlines concentrate on peace talks in the Middle East, we would like to draw attention to a reality for Palesthoians who continue under the Israeli occupation.

Yesterday evening, at 8.00 two students from Birzeit University obeyed a summons to report with their fathers to the Office of the Military Governor in Ramallah. While their fathers were kept waiting out-side the inner gate, they were severely beaten and brutalised in an attempt to extract a confession that they had thrown stones at an Israelt military vehicle. They insisted they had not

On their release at midnight, one of the students, Khalid Mohammad Abid Rubbok, was hospitalized in Ramellah on the instructions of the doctor who examined him. He was in severe

pain and collapsed shortly after his release. The doctor was alarmed by the erratic behaviour of his pulse and feared internal bleeding. In spite of his condition,

he was ordered to appear again before a Captain

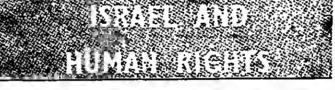
tion, the silhouetted figures of those giving and receiv-ing blows, the emergence of

of this letter include those

who directly witnessed the entry of the students into

the interrogation building,

the sounds of the interroga-



day) at 9.30 a.m. The doctor said that in his experience the student would be removed from the hospital by force if he did not obey the summons unless he were actually dying, and a medical certificate would

serve no purpose. What we are reporting is one instance of a daily oc-currence. The signatories

Dr. J. R. Ashley (left), Chairman of the British Engineering Teaching Equipment Manufacturers Association and Managing Director

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King Hussein will open Conference

Science, technology meeting will set out policy priorities

AMMAN, Feb. 12 (JNA). His Majesty King Hussein will open the science and technology policy conference for Jor-dan here next Saturday. The conference aims at de-

fining the features of the scientific and technological policy to help achieve goals of de-velopment by raising the stand-ard of Jordanians economically and socially.

The four day conference will also debate Jordan's scientific and technological capability, supervise, encourage and finance technological services, determine priorities of scientific activities associated with the country's economic and social development.

70 delegates

Attending the conference will be 70 Arab and foreign figures representing 22 countries: Syria, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Iraq, West Germany, France, India, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Romania, Britain, the United States, Belgium, Switz-

American women's

association gets

J.D.200 cheque



Mrs. Kitty Ephgrave (above) presented a check of JD 200 to the American Women of Amman at the monthly meeting on Feb. 13. The check, to be used for one of the projects sponsored by the club's Community Action Committee, is from sales of tickets for The Girl in the Frendian Slip, produced by Mrs. Ephgrave. Mrs. Ephgrave also invited every body interested in dramatics to join the new amateur theatrical group in Amman, Backstage workers as well as actors are needed. Those interested should telephone her at 65657. "I want men especially," she

sald, "and at my age!"

erland, Japan, Iran and Sweden. Conferees will also come from pan-Arab and international economic, social and sci-entific organisations and agen-

First of its kind

The Secretary General of the National Planning Council Dr. Taysir Abdul Jaher said today the conference will be the first of its kind to be held in Jor-dan and probably in the whole

He told the Jordan News Agency that the conference aims at many things. These include taking a clear vision of the primaries of science and technology policy which can be tightly hinged to objectives of the Five-Year Development Plan in Jordan. It will also attempt to lay out an organisa-

tional skeleton for the various scientific and technological in scientific and jeaning in Jordan with a view to defining functions and general policy-making in the sphere of planning for ancing and coordination as well as implementation of these po-

will focus on me It power, the main and effective element in Jordan's econom and prompting participation of Arab and friendly countries to gether with international organisations in Jordan's efforts in this vital field for the purpo ses of economic and social de

Jordan will put to the con-ference a Jordanian national paper on the uses of science and technology for actioving more regional and internations cooperation in this field, Dr. Abdul Jaber indicated.

King thanks trustees of Queen Alya Fund

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). His Majesty King Hussein attended a banquet held Saturday night by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, President of the Board of Trustees of the Queen Alya Fund for Social Work on the occasion of the opening of the fund's headqu-

In a speech the King than-ked the board of trustees for choosing this particular scheme to commemorate the memory of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya Al Hussein who passed away while working for the people of Jordan.

His Majesty reviewed the co-

ncept of social work and described it as mobilisation of ev ery creative potential in the

society.
The King emphasized that the social and patriotic responsibility was the driving spir for everybody. The King that the concept of social de velopment had bypassed the concept of charity, donation and free benefits to the needy

individuals and groups. Princess Basma had earlier thanked the King for designating has and her colleagues to carry the trust and pledged by pursue the march of sacrific adopted by Her Majesty the late Oueen.

Crown Prince meets trades unionists

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - His Highness Crown Prince Hassen met here today with the executive body of the Jordan Trade Union

During the meeting he called for greater efforts by both the public and private sectors to develop the country in various fields. He also called for the adoption of a sounder policy of manpower distribution and the curtailment of Jordanian labourers emigration to neighbouring Arab states

Crown Prince Hassan also referred to Jordan's experiment of redistribution of manpower in the Jordan Valley and the current efforts to follow that example in the governorates of America

Little joy to be found in Lebanese novel's frank discussion of conflicting social mores

"Death in Beirut", Awwad, Tawfiq Yusuf, (trans.) Leslie McLoughlin, Heinemann, London, 1976, 196 pp.

By Lee S. Tesdell Special to the Jordan Times

The coming of age of Tamima, a tragic and at the same time probably realistic portra-yal of a young Arab woman's struggle with old and new wa-ys of life, consumes the read-er's attention from the first page to the last of "Death in Beir-ut". This novel, acclaimed for its frankness regarding the problems confronting modern Arab society, was first published in 1972 while the author was still the Lebanese Ambassador to Italy. It was translated into

English in 1976.
The essence of the author's message will produce in the western reader, daily confronted with the structures and divisions in todays Arab world, a certain sffinity for Tamima, and possibly identification with her as she is seduced by a "re-volutionary writer", torn by traditional and new ways when visiting her home village in south Lebanon, falls in love with a Maronite student Hani even though she comes from a Shia

family, and finall, seems to be

destroyed by the maelstrom of tensions swirling around and within her life.

The setting of post 1967 Be-irut and her home village of Deir Mutill in south Lebanon provide little stability to Tam-ima's life. Sparks of optimism and challenges for a better future emerge from time to time from the fatalistic atmosphere of the story. The chance for real love offers itself, but Tamima seems to be robbed of the chance each time. Today for the first time I felt the chill of death. I saw love stretched out on the bed with no soul. Love is ugly after it dies. It is like all corpses and it stinks the way they do."

This is ber response to her sexual reunion with Ramzi, the revolutionary, after his imprisonment. A composite of tradition, lure of unknown freedoms, and social upheaval make not only love impossible, but a sane, reasonable life impossible as well.

A poet speaking to a crowd of students at the American University of Beirut challenges the young women to "rise to the level of humanity", to shed the "Orient of slave-prisoners, of resting places for pilgrims of incense ... this Orient which sees you as a delicacy to be

But after the maid of a certain Madame Rose Khoury is raped by a client and later by three men who pick her up in their car, and then commits su-icide by jumping into the sea, and after Tamima nearly succeeds in her suicide attempt

after being unable to reconcile

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her sexual relations with those accepted traditions of ber society, the reader realizes that only self-destruction and anarchy can result, at least in Tamima's generation.

Perhaps, the reader says to himself or herself, the next ge-neration will be able to free itself in a rational way from social customs which force irrational behaviour on the yo-ung people, who are in a life and death struggle to survive. Tamima, at the end, distrau-

ght not only with the social up-heaval she finds in her life, but also the aggression against her village by Israeli ralders, cannot survive and disappears.

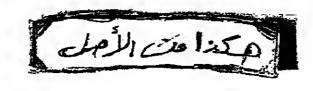
although the reader does not know her destination. The resder surmises that she may have joined the Fedayeeo and beco me a soldier in the Palestinis revolution.

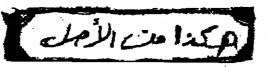
Prophetic?

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Part of Tamima's last mess ge to Hani underscores the ge to Hani underscores the sub-rehy which engulfed her at the end of the novel, "I shall fight under any sky against all le gal codes and traditions sus-ctioned by society. I shall sta-them with my own hand. Be cause in their name, under the sky of my own country, societ bas denied me the right

The reader is left wondering how many young people in Bi irut are still coming to the same conclusions which Tamina a





ministers agree Greek negotiations

JSSELS. Feb. 8 (R). — Common Market foreign ministers agreed here terday to speed up negotiations on Greek entry to the EEC. But they reed a suggestion by France that they commit themselves to Greece beed a suggestion Jan. 1, 1980, EEC officials said.

tish Foreign Secretary Da-)wen told his EEC colleathat any commitment to and levid be made as strongly for made as strongly

Greece begin this Friday, and Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen, who chaired yester-day's meeting, told a news conference that talks at ministe-rial level would begin in Luxerial level would begin in Line is to the many on April 3 and 4.

Britain issues new, smaller £1 banknote

DON, Feb. 8 (AP). — New, smaller, one pound banknotes with all the into circulation in Britain today.

at larger into circulation in Britain today. a: [with the new banknotes are investigating and three-sixteens of

ench (.63 cms.) less from top to bottom. The old notes measure 5 5/16 inches (13.5 cms.) by 2 13/16 7 es (7.14 cms.). There are 800 million in circulation. The k of England says it will take about a year to collect all the banknotes will be legal tender.

A major reason for the change is to save printing bills. The tak also says the smaller size will help blind people distingtion; them from bank notes of higher denominations. The new knotes also contain designs to frustrate forgers.

Like the old, green banknotes, the design of which dates

n 1960, the new yellow, green and blue banknotes have a ure of Queen Elizabeth II on one side. On the other side, the national emblem of Britannia with rd and shield has been replaced with a picture of the 18th tury British scientist Sir Isaac Newton.

PEC became a borrower in last quarter of '77

. - Oil-rich countries howed more money from the mational banking system eposited, the Bank for Inational Settlements report-

JS said during the period member states of the Orgation of Oil Exporting Co-

Switzerland, Feh. 8Oil-rich countries hotal-of \$2.2 hillion and deposited only \$0.4 billion. Thus, the OPEC countries to-

gether ran net borrowings of \$1.8 hillion during the last three months of 1977. BIS said it was the first time the OPEC group has become a net borrower since the oil price explosion in

Never a dull moment

Readers who thought they were seeing new puzzles on page 4 of yesterday's Jordan Times can stop wondering now. The board news item at the top of the page read backwards due to one of those regular technical mistakes that are made by the Jordan Times' printing staff. For our puzzle-minded readers, however, the answer to deciphering the story is to hold the page up to be read against a mirror. Sorry about that. - The editor

Utilities entorce cuts as U.S. miners fail approve new contract

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (R). — The end of the longest coal strike in American history hung in the balance last night after miners' leaders failed to approve a new contract.

As one of the worst blizzards in years roared through the northeastern United States, the 39-man Bargaining Council of the United Mine Workers (UMW), voted to recess consideration

of a tentative agreement amounced Monday night.

Endorsement by the UMW Bargaining Council is the first step towards ratification by secret ballot of the 160,000 miners no have been on strike since Dec. 6. The council said it would meet again when all contract langu-

age was in its final form. UMW President Arnold Miller, who had endorsed the tentative agreement reached Monday with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, said it could take several days.

The 64-day strike -- now beginning to bite as electrical utilihas cost the coat industry millions of dollars.

Labour Secretary Ray Marshall, hailing last night's tentative agreement, said the strike had "brought the country perilously close to widespread coal shortages in the midst of a severe win-

Under the tentative agreement, the miners would get an increase of \$2.35 on their present hourly wage of \$7.80 over a timee-year contract. They have been striking for \$2.60. The miners also wanted a limited right to strike individual mines over local grievances. There was no mention of that in

Turkey is in a deep economic finance minister crisis, says

ANKARA, Feh. 8 (R). — Turkey is in a deep economic crisis, Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu said here yesterday. "The most important indications of this crisis are a bottle-neck in foreign payments, energy shortages, black marketeering, and a growing lack of confidence fed by speculative expectations," he told parliament.

Shortage of foreign exchange would continue until the economic structure was changed to quicken industrialisation and increased exports, he said. Until then, the administration would resort to foreign funds arranged on a government-to-government basis, and would try to raise medium and long-term loans on international markets. Mr. Muezzinoglu was presenting his 1978 hudget for debate in the upper house of parliament. The hudget will he dehated and voted no later this month in the lower house, hefore becoming effective on March I.

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Italy, Holland and Belgium

endorsed Britain's opposition to fixing a date for Greece to

join the EEC, informed sour-

They said it was too risky to set a precise timetahla in

advance because of the disap-

pointment that would follow

if for any reason it could not be

adhered to.
Dr. Owen told a separate news conference: "I fired a wa-

rning shot across the bows"

of anyone who might seek to delay Portuguese or Spanish membership.

He said Portuguese Prime

Minister Mario Soares needed all the help he could get, and

that Spain had economic and

ing in those countries that we

are any less interested in brin-

ging in Spain and Portugal,"

The EEC's Executive Comm-

ission is due to pronounce in the spring its opinion on Portugal's application -- a vital

step on the way to starting

Dr. Owen said he had expressed consternation when he

had heard that the opinion on Spain, which he had hoped for

by the end of 1978, would not

ready until next year.

"We must not get the feel-

regional problems.

formal negotiations.

he added

ces said.

. - may note: Following is a report from the January Issue of the oisation of Arab Oil Ex IPEC). The Jordan Times is reprinting it in full for readers rested in the function and progress of the OPEC Special Fund.

the OPEC Special Fund was blished in 1976 by memof the Organisation of oleum Exporting Countrias a new facility to pro-Concessional financing to developing countries.

he initiative of establishthe fund was first taken Iran when in 1974 an instion jointly financed by nbers of the Organisation Petroleum Exporting Coues and the industrialised ... ""ntries was first proposed. k of positive response frthe industrialised countri-- led to an intensification of ats of the OPEC member ntries. At their meeting in

ers in March, 1975, the EC members decided to ca-on with the proposal by ensifying and coordinating ir programme for financial peration with other deveing countries.

Is emunciated in the SoleDeclaration of the Sove-

gns and Heads of State of EC in Algiers in 1975, the damental objective of the hd is to encourage all forof cooperation among de-oping countries in order to mote the economic devement of those countries. ates also to the broader acept of global cooperation vard the creation of a new ernational economic order.

haracteristics of OPEC and

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There has been a signifiit expansion in OPEC aid

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Iraq .	20.00	UAE	16.00
Iran	104.75	Saudi Arabia	100.00
Indonesia	1.25	Qatar	9.00
Gabon	0.50	Nigeria	26.00
		Libya	20.00
Ecuador	0.90	Kuwait	26.00
Algeria	10.00	Venezuela	56.00
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ws over recent years. Net ibursement of OPEC conceional flows to other develop-2 countries were in the masitude of \$1.1 billion in 1973. 4.5 billion in 1974, \$5.4 bil-- w - in 1975 and \$5.2 billion .1976. For the same years, at disbursement of non-conas follows:

stional flows amounted to 146 million, \$4 billion, \$6 bilon and \$3.5 billion respectiv-As a proportion of GNP, ueign aid from the OPEC

countries as a group increased from 0.87 per cent in 1972 to almost 3 per cent in 1975. compared with an average of 0.33 per cent for the Western countries.

both donors and recipients has increased, thus broadening the geographical spread of OPEC aid. Most, if not all, OPEC members have become international donors. Also, bilateral ald commitments in 1974 and 1975 were made to some 40 developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and to even more in 1976. In contrast, the bulk of project aid until 1973 and the major part of government-to-government aid was characterised by a high degree of country con-

rease in the number of channmodes of cooperation between the OPEC countries and other the historic oil events of 1973, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arahia and Venezuela created their own national agencies for external assistance and different groups of OPEC members participated, sometimes in cooperation with other developing nations, in the creation of multilateral agencies for the granting of concessional aid.

is, in almost all cases, united to the procurement of goods and services from these co-

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Venezuela	56.00
Kuwait	36.00
Libya	20.00
Nigeria.	26.00
Oatar	9.00
Saudi Arabia	106.00
UAE	16.00

During its first year of operations, the fund was engaged in a wide range of activities. According to the fund's first annual report (covering Aug. to Dec. 1976), the main operations of the fund were

first session 1. During its (May 10-12, 1974) the Governing Committee of the OPEC Special Fund authorised a to-

Furthermore, the number of

centration. There has also been an incels and a diversification in the developing nations. Soon after

Finally, financial assistance provided by OPEC members tal of \$400 million to the Inwell as other ... whose ecoternational Fund for Agriculnomies have been seriously tural Development (IFAD). dislocated as a result of the The contribution was raised to present economic crisis, nat-\$435.5 million when Iran. Veural calamities, and foreign nezuela and Saudi Arabia raaggression and occupation." It ised their shares by \$20 milis worth noting that the 45 lion, \$10 million and \$5.5 mil-MSA countries account for a large share of the world poplion respectively. The distribution of shares was initially ulation, having around one bias shown in table 1. llion inhabitants. In Dec. 1976, the Govern-

oo criteria are a function of additional \$800 million to the a country's per capita income as an index of relative pov-2. The first balance-of-payerty; the decline in a country's ments support programme gross foreign exchange rese-A sum of \$200 million was rves as an index of past baallocated to aid countries wilance-of-payments difficulties th balance-of-payments deficiand future vulnerability; the ts. The design of the progratio of imports and deht ser-

(a) Coverage: Priority for an index of the current finanreceiving funds is for the mo-st seriously affected (MSA) cial hurden, and finally, the increase in oil-import costs. countries, which the United Nations has defined as "those The terms of the loans to which are at the greatest dis-MSA countries stipulates that advantage in the world econocredit is interest-free with an my, the least developed, the annual service charge of 0.5 land-locked and other low-inper cent on amounts withdrcome developing countries as awn and outstanding. The ma-

ing Committee authorised an

turity period is 25 years with a grace period of 5 years. These terms involve 70 per cent grant element, assuming a discount rate of 10 per cent.

The OPEC fund requires its horrowers to use the loans for either or both of the following purposes. Firstly, the importation of capital goods, spare parts and other inputs required for agricultural and industrial oroduction, and secondly, the importation of foodstuffs and other essential consumer goods. The allocaticn of funds to MSA countries is presented in table 2.

3. On Oct. 6, 1976, the OPEC ministers of finance recommended to their governments that the share of eight member countries in the profits from the IMFs gold sales be transferred to the IMF Trust Fund through the OPEC Special Fund. The profits donated, estimated to total some \$60 million, will provide further financial assistance to other developing countries.



Caracul sheep breeding is a traditional branch of agriculture in the republics of Soviet Asia. Caracul sheep breeding has been practised for centuries in the Uzbek SSR. The natural colour of caracul is black, but selectionists working and elaborating various methods of selection have obtained over 20 colours and tints of caracul fur -- grey, pink, lilac, mother-of-pearl, white and brown. Specialists say, that peculiarities of the climate, vegetation and water in Asian republics are favourable for breeding sheep with fur of rare colours. "Sur" caracol is especially famous, as its two-coloured skins of silver, bronze, golden and amber tints are valued much more than that of ordinary

Countries violating human rights

WASHINGTON, Feh. 8 (R). -The United States will continue to give aid in varying derees to governments that fa-Il to meet President Carter's standards on human rights, White House spokesman Jody

Powell said yesterday.

He made his comment in response to a report that the State Department favours continuing aid despite what it felt were widespread human rights violations in those countries.

The Washington Post story said the State Department has drawn up reports, to he made public next week, on 105 countries receiving American military or economic aid. Despite a 1976 law requiring

human rights violations to he considered in allocating military aid, only one country, Nic-aragua, had heen marked for a major cut-back, the post said "It is not our policy that we will totally sever our rela-

tionships with other countries with whom we may have differences on the question of human rights, nor will we cut off entirely their foreign aid, "Mr. Powell told reporters.

Any other policy would be unsophisticated and self-defeating, he said. The issue was extremely complex and could not be reached on the basis of a single ruling.

The Washington Post said the State Department reports found there have been improvements in the humao rights situation in Iran, South Korea and Nicaragua, in the main, though, torture, cruel or inhuman punishment, arhitrary im-prisonment and denial of fair trials still persist."

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying that South Korea will get military aid thecause of its military importance to the United States.

The administration already has announced a \$1.8 hillion military aid programme for South Korea to compensate for the planned withdrawal of all the Asian country.

The Washington Post also quoted officials as saying that Iran, which has made large purchases of advanced weapons from the U.S., will not he cut off from further supplies because it was an important ally and the world's second largest exporter of crude oil.

Japan wins approval sell China 3 computers

TOKYO, Feh. 8 (R). - The United Stetes has approved the sale to China of three huge Japanese computers but is insisting on a number of safeguards, the U.S. Embassy dis-closed today.

The embassy, responding to questions, issued a statement saying the United States bad advised COCOM (the coordinating committee for export controls on strategic goods to communist areas) that it had no objection to the sale pro-

The embassy declined to disclose these conditions, but Info-

met.

ded a drastic reduction in the computers' capacity to ensure they could not be put to military use.

The sources said the United States was also insisting that the computers be manned for the first three years by Japanese technicians, and that for the four following years China submit three monthly reports to the manufacturers on the machines' programming. The computers were ordered

by China from Hitachi Ltd. in viding certain conditions were September, 1975 for meteorological observation. Hitachi said today the contract totalled between 2.5 to three hillion yen rmed sources said they inclu-(\$10.4 to 12.5 million).

Aid to Africa

Meanwhile the State Department proposed a \$339 million programme for economic military-related economic aid to 32 African countries, including those affected hy political strife in Southern

The aid package for the 1979 financial year also includes \$90 million in development aid for Sahel, where a department official said cooditions have only marginally improved since the onset of drought in 1968. Mrs. Golernbutcher, Assist-

ant Administrator of the Africa Bureau of the department's Agency for International Development, said that In Southern African countries development had heen disrupted hy political instability.

"Efforts to facilitate peace ful change can be reinforced hy oromoting economic stabi-lity and establishing the basis for long-term development in the region," she told the Africa Suhcommittee of the House of Representatives International Relations Committee.

For this purpose, she said, the department was requesting \$45 million to improve transportation in Botswana, prcvide balance of payments support to Zamha and to provide educational opportunities for refugees in Southern Af-

Rolls Royce recalls all 1977 models

LONDON, Feh. 8 (R). - Rolls Royce said yesterday they are asking their worldwide dealer network to recall all cars built in the last year because of a remote chance they have a dangerous fault.

This includes the Shadow, Camargue and Corniche models, 60 per cent of which have been exported.

"We have isolated the prohlem, and we have a solution which is now being put into effect ... there has not been an accident, but there could be one, hence the recall," a spokesman said.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 8 (R). - Stocks prices were marked higher following Chancellor of Exchequer Denis Healey's statement that his spring budget will not oe election orientated, dealers said.

Government honos finished as much as 1/4 point higher on the day though trading continued to he nervous on fears of money supply growth. Industrial leaders put on a penny or two though at 15:00 the F.T. index was 0.2 at 463.5

Trust Houses Forte rose Sp following its final earnings report while IMPS put on a further 2-1/2 after yesterday's earnings figures which were in line with expectations.

BATS finished 6p higher while Fisons, ICI, Beecham and Lucas firmed between 3p and 5p.

Among oils BP returned to its overnight levels after being lower and Shell ended a penny higher after being down 2p. Leaders among hanks were mixed.

LOCAL **EXCHANGE RATES**

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U.S. dollar

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National News Roundup

Amman Stock Exchange Report

value

TV director general to attend ABU meeting

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - Jordan Television General Director Mohammad Kamal will lead Jordan's delegation to the meetings of the Arab Broadcasting Union's ninth session due to be held in Riyadh on Feb. 27 to discuss television and radio news exchange among Arab countries and other international unions.

Industry minister to attend Tunis meeting

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - The Cabinet has decided to delegate Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani to represent Jordan at the meetings of the Arab Economic Council scheduled to be held in Tunis oo Feb. 20.

Work starts on Amman Zoo

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - The Mayor of Amman Ma'n Abu Nowar announced today that the Municipality has started work on a zoo at Ras Al 'Ain public park in Amman.

Information delegation for Cairo

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - The Council of Ministers today named Jordan's delegation to the meetings of the Arab League Information Council due to open in Cairo Feb. 18, to discuss Information policy and inter-Arab coordination in the field of information. The delegation will be led by Mr. Peter Salah, adviser to the Ministry of Information.

263 new companies registered

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - The number of companies registered at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce during the last quarter of 1977 amounted to 263 with a total capital of JD 6,581,440, a ministry source staid today.

1 Jordan Pipe Manufacturing Co. ... JD 10.000

-8 Paper and Cardboard Factory JD 1.000

10 Phosphate Mines JD 1.000

Total volume traded, Wednesday, Feb. 8: JD 5,016.

50 per cent of share capital paid.

Arab Pharmaceutical Co. ... JD 5.000

Jordan Electricity Co. ... JD 1.000

NAME OF COMPANY

Policewomen recruited

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JNA). - The Public Security Directorate arnounced today that it has begun to enlist women for the ranks of police officer, non-commissioned officer and private. A university graduate would be given the rank of second lieutenant ofter s.x. months and the bearer of a secondary school certificate the rank of corporal. The rank of private would go to lesser qualified applicants. Accomodation and clothing will be provided free during the training course, and trainees will receive full pay throughout.

Electricity plans for Irbid governorate

IRBID, Feb. 8 (JNA). - Governor of Irbid Malmoun Khalil today met with a British delegation specialised in electrification of rural areas. He acquainted the delegation with the situation of the public services in his governorate especially as regards power and water. The British team is carrying out technical and financial studies on a plan for the electrification of the Irbid governorate in general and the Kfarat area in particular, the Technical Director of the Irbid Electricity Corporation, Abdul Rahman Khalil said today. The project would be financed by a British loan of JD 2 million. The Jordanian and British governments are expected to sign the loan agreement within the next few months, the technical director added. The project comes within an over-all plan to supply the Irbid governorates 130 villages with electricity.

Orphans fund invests in housing

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (J.T.). - The Director General of the Fund for Investment of Orphans Money, Alauddine Al Nammari said over the weekend that his institution is now building 60 housing units near the public security housing project. Mr. Al Nammari told Al Ra'i newspaper that the project includes four buildings whose total cost will be JD 700,000 and will be fully completed within four months. The fund, he added, has found this the most profitable way to invest the orphans money and will be building more housing units.

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Transplanted Somalis learn to like fish

A few hundred miles from the war with Ethiopia, some Somalls are having a different excitment -- seeing the sea for the irst time

ROME, (WFS) - Nomads in Somalia who had never even seen a large expanse of water, are being trained as fishermen. About 15,000 nomads have been airlifted from the arid interior to three coastal sites on the Indian Ocean.

When they first saw the sea, the older nomads held back, scared and suspicious, but some of the younger ones raced to the water's edge and started drinking. Then they were sick. From this unlikely beginning the scheme has developed, with the bushmen being weaned off camel meat onto fish, be-

ing taught to swim and being trained as fishermen. The Somali government scheme was put into operation after drought killed 16,000 Somali nomads, mostly children. By 1975 the drought had forced more than 200,000 into government refugee camps. Their herds, the mainstay of their way nf life, had nearly been wiped out.

Transplanting nomads

More than 100,000 nomads are being re-trained as farmers, but for 15,000 the change was more traumatic, involving air-lifts to the coast and new lives as fishermen.

With them they took their few moveable possessions and habit of building "oeehive" huts, but left behind their old ways and habits. At the start, bits of fish were mixed with their camel meat. Most of them had never eaten it before and many hated the taste at first Even the smell of cooking fish made them ill.

Gradually, however, the transition was made, and now the nomads themselves are in better health. Some say they do not care if they never eat meat again.

At first, the men, women and children were encouraged At Brava, nearly 200 kms. south of the capital Mogadishu, a causeway and tower still stand as reminders of the Portuguese influence. Brava was one of the centres chosen for the nomed experiment

Learning to fish

There, within a few weeks, they could swim out to the fishing boats and the next stage could begin, teaching them to fish. They learned net-throwing, seamanship, and on shore the women are learning how to skin, gut, dry and smoke fish such as yellowiail, mackerel and grouper. Already, more than 1,000 nomads have finished their training as fishermen.

One thing holding back the project is a shortage of boats. but the government has 100 on order for the Brave settlement alone. The catches of fish are increasing with the skill and experience of the trainees. In 1977 their estimated catch was 500 tons of fish for sale in addition to what they needed for themselves.

A shark is a big catch for the fishermen -- dried fins and skins fetch high prices. Its meat is exported, its bones used as fertiliser after being ground down, and its liver oil also has a high value.

A hospital and a school have been built at Brava, while permanent houses are slowly replacing the traditional nomad huts. The United Nations' World Food Programme is supporting the three fishing villages by giving grain, cooking oil and "get to know" the water by splashing around in its shallows. Once initial fear had receded, the swimming lessons began. Their tutors were local fishermen, who are believed to be partly descended from the Portuguese who settled in the area more than 450 years ago with the explorer Vasco da Gama.

Police make public letter from alleged "hillside strangler"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8 (AP). — A man claiming to be the 'hillside strangler' said in a letter made public yesterday that he killed a

dozen "evil ladies" because his mother told him to.

Police, stressing that they did not know-whether the letter was authentic, said the writer gave them "another week or so" in meet his call for help in turning himself in safely, and threatened "something serious" if authorities failed to respond. Assistant Police Chief Daryl F. Gates read reporters the first

page of the pen printed, six-page letter mailed last month to Mayor Tom Bradley. The lined school notebook page said: Dear Mr. Mayor, Please listen to me. I am very sick, but I do not want to go back in that place. I hate that place. My mother told me to kill those evil ladies, it's not my fault ... mother makes my head hurt. That is why I kill ber. But I can't get ber out of my head

She keeps coming back. That's why ! hate her." Mr. Gates said the writer claimed to have a particular item that would prove he is the strangler. Mr. Gates refused to idea tify the item but said if the writer did have it police would be

inclined to believe he is really the killer. Mr. Bradley said at a news conference Monday that whoey, er wrote the letter postmarked Jan. 19 "indicates he is the strangler and wishes to surrender himself and a friend to the mayor's office. He also indicated he would forward a certain Item after he received assurances for his safety from the mayor."

Mr. Bradley said he "will take all the necessary steps to
ensure the complete safety of the actually involved individuals.

Blue jeans are out for men, according to Paris fashion

PARIS, Feb. 8 (R). - Blue ler shirt-collars and narrow jeans are out and clothes sober enough to wear to a funeral will be the fashion for men next winter, according to the Paris mens' wear moguls.

Showings for next autumn and winter which ended here yesterday abandoned the classless informallty of denim for the solid conservatism beloved of bankers, diplomats and gentleman farmers.

The watch-words for 1978 will be serious, sober, safe and sane. Colours are muted deep browns and dark greys.

The unisex look is gone. though there are some common trends for both sexes such as broader padded shoulders for jackets, trousers cut wider over the hips and tapering towards the ankles, smal-

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string-ties.

The new sartorial here i the gentleman farmer clad in soft tweeds, shetlands and corduroy Norfolk jackets with inset belt at the back wom with long flowing scarves and golf caps.

The waistcoast is back everywhere, the latest in a shbutton format cut straight at the waist rather than ending in the classic two points.

The only fantasy clothes ame from Pierre Cardin, who led off his show with a series of "abominable snow-man" coats made of raw hide covered with dangling animal tails.

All other designers however appear to be going on the assumption that only a handful of millionaires will purchase whimsy at Paris prices,

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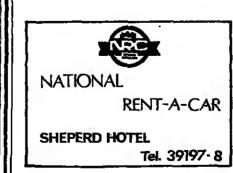














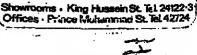


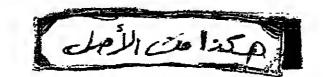






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UAE Currency Board reduces compulsory reserve requirement

ABU DHABI, Feb. 13 (R). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Currency Board yesterday informed banks in the seven-member federation of a series of measures to stimulate the economy. A circular received by the banks here confirmed the announcement that the board was reducing by 0.5 per cent to seven per cent the compulsory reserves which the banks have to deposit with the Central Monetary Authority.

The bankers here said what ruments with a maturity of ancing, or lending the banks was more significant was that more than six months. This on the basis of securities in the Currency Board said it would in future consider funds deposited in foreign currencies in UAE-based banks as part of a bank's total deof more than six months.

They said that this was li-

waz kely to allow foreign bank branches to lend much larger sums than they had previously been able to since the Currency Board last May introduced sweeping measures to uced sweeping measures to restrict credit in this federation which has more than 50

banks for a population of about 600,000. Another significant measure likely to affect the smaller banks was that they will hit herto be allowed to consider

retailing system.

Poland encourages

private enterprise

to quell discontent

With the economy in trouble and consumer discontent re-

portedly rising, the Polish government is to encourage private

enterprise to run shops. Forecasts are that some 40,000 of

VIENNA, (WFS) - The return to favour of the small shop-

keeper in Poland reflects in part tha gravity of the country's

economic position. Discontent has been growing among the ordinary people of the country, particularly over the shoringe of meat and also over the inefficiency of the state controlled

It is not unusual for shops to close down -- 2,400 every year -- leaving villages or small towns with few local shops.

Queues are commonplace, with the burden falling on the 42

per cent of Poland's work-force which is female and which has to struggle around the shops after a day's work.

Private enterprise

Tales of the rudeness of the staff, of the shoddiness and non-availability of goods are legion, and the growth of cons-

umer discontent has prompted the government to take action. Poland's shops were nationalised just after the Second World

War, but now private ownership is to be officially encouraged in the case of shops with up to 50 square metres of floor

About 40,000 shops are expected to open under this new system, and instead of having to buy their produce from the state wholesala organisations, the shopkeepers will be able to buy directly from whoever they please - be it collective fa-

rm or individual farmers. The government hopes that this will encourage competition and lead to a more varied range of

Silesia, for example, are reported to be angry over the lack

of meat - the government has also put more emphasis on increasing consumer goods and services in its economic plan

priority, at the expense of heavy industry and investment, while deliveries of consumer goods are slated to rise by 10 per cent against 1977, and deliveries of services by 13 per

Grain imports needed from West

production because of a shortage of feed for animals, Poland is short of both meat and grain. President Carter's visit to

Warsaw at the end of December was an opportunity for the

Polish leadership to bring up the subject of the United States providing credit to Polish to buy American grain.

It is likely that most of Poland's grain and meat imports will have to come from the West, as the Soviet Union needs

most of its own production. The Soviet Union did undertake

to provide some foodstuffs in November last year, under a

comprehensive \$1.3 billion loan, designed in part to enable the Polish authorities to rescind the food price rises of June,

1976, which led to strikes and rioting. However, little meat

Poland expected to have to import 4.5 million tons of gra-in during 1977, to make up for the bad harvest, which espec-

The Poles now accept that only a coupla of bumper harv-

... Farmers pension

In another move to aid the farmer, a hill was passed to

extend state pension to private farmers, a measure which co-

uld act as stimulus to increase the acreage of farms and agri-

cultural output. The measure signifies the crucial role played by Poland's private farmers, who cultivate about four-fifths

at only those who leave their farms to the state on retireme-

nt will automatically receive the full pension. The pensions of those handing farms over to their heirs will be adjusted acc-

ording to the value of the produce they have sold to the st-

ate over the years.
Under the 1978 Plan, which Polish leader Edward Gierek

has stressed is "absolutely binding", national income as a whole (i.e. national income produced) is to rise by 5.4 per

cent. (National income distributed is to rise hy 3.4 per cent.)

The rise in imports is to be cut to 3.9 per cent, Meanwhile,

If Poland's economic position continues to deteriorate, so-

There is, however, continuing resentment among them th-

or grain seems to have been delivered.

of all agricultural land.

After four years of poor harvests and a cutback in meat

In response to popular grievances -- the coal miners in

In the plan, agriculture and house-building are also given

them will be opening under the new system this year.

as deposits for ratio purpo-ses their borrowings from ot-her banks if they are in inst-

would allow these banks to significantly expand their le-

nding, the bankers said.
The Currency Board, which is soon to be replaced by a full-fledged central bank, also announced in its circular that it was resuming its swap fa-cilities for the dollar.

This meant that it was prepared to swap with the banks U.S. dollars for UAE dirhams and vice versa at no charge, thus easing foreign exchange transactions, especially for commerce, bankers sa-

It also said that the board was now prepared to act as a lender of last resort when necessary and will continua re-financing facilities supplied

The board had until early

their possession, but stopped refinancing as part of its credit squeeze. Its willingness to act as a lender of last resort meant that it was ready to lend to the banks again but only when justified and all other avenues have already been exhausted, they added.

A Currency Board spokesman said here Saturday measures were intended to inject about 300 million dirhams (\$78 million) into the sluggish economy hit mainly by a slump in the property market.

Morocco, USSR reach fishing

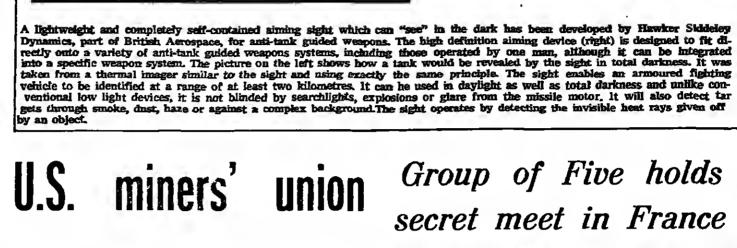
RABAT, Feb. 13 (R). - A fiveyear agreement between the Soviet Union and Morocco provides for joint exploitation of Moroccan fishing grounds in return for Soviet technical aid with storage facilities and tra-

agreement

ining of Moroccan fishermen. Mr. Alexander Ishkov, Soviet Fisheries Minister, in an interview published hy the nationalist daily l'Opinion said the agreement signed at the weekend contained provisions to prevent over-fishing inside Mo-roccan limits, which are to be enlarged from 70 miles to 200

Under the agreement the demands of Moroccan fish canners for domestic consumption would first be satisfied and the surplus catch sold to the Soviet

Mr. Ishkov left Rabat yes-



WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (R). — U.S. miners' leaders yesterday rejected a proposed settlement to end a 69-day strike which has

rejects settlements

jeopardised domestic and industrial supplies of fuel.
United Mine Workers (UMW) leader Arnold Miller said the union's 39-member Bargaining Council had turoed down the proposed agreement to end the strike in the Appalachian region,

He did not indicate whether he had been instructed to reopen negotiations with the mine operators but union sources said the feeling was that the agreement was "just not much good at

Members specifically rejected the proposed hourly wage increase from the current \$7.80 to \$10.15 hy 1981, and objected to health benefit proposals, as well as provisions imposing heavy penalties on wildcat walkouts.

The rejection follows demonstrations against the proposed settlement at UMW headquarters on Friday by about 300 miners demanding Mr. Miller's resignation.

President Carter over the weekend took steps to soften the effects of the strike, the longest in the bistory of the coalfields, hut gave no indication he intended to Intervene In the negotiati-

Several states have already ordered a cutback in the industrial use of electricity and the president has ordered emergeocy plans to be drawn up for diverting electrical energy to affected areas, mainly in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Group of Five holds secret meet in France by eight per cent.
The U.S. has been urging

both West Germany and Japan

to reflate their economies to

help the weaker industrialised

PARIS, Feh. 13 (R). — Finance ministers and senior officials from the "big five" industrialised nations met privately yesterday to review world econo-

Delegates from the so-called Group of Five -- France, Britain, the United States, Japan and West Germany -- were be-tieved to be discussing instability on the world's currency

Among those at the meeting were U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and Bri-tisb Chancellor of the Exche-quer Dennis Healey the sources said

Japanese sources said they believed that Michiya Matsubawa, the Vice Minister for Intercational Affairs at the Finance Ministry, flew from Tokyo to join the talks. It was not known who represented West Germany. The main monetary problems

are the continuing weakness of the U.S. dollar and the growing strength of the German mark, which has risen 40 per cent against the currencies of Germany's main trading part-ners since 1972.

The French franc has also been under heavy pressure for the last 10 days and on Friday

Israel tace of \$30 m. oranges

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (R). — Israel will lose up to \$30 million of citrus exports if a one-third drop in sales caused by the European scare over poisoned oranges continued, Knesset Economic Committee Chairman Gad Yaacobi said yesterday.

Citrus picking in Israel has already been cut by one-third in line with the drop in dema-

Israel's Citrus Marketing Board predicted sales worth \$200 million for this season. Board sources said it was still too early to estimate the exact loss caused by the scare,

But European orders have fallen from 2.5 million crates a week to 1.5 million. Iran is also reported to have cancell-

ed orders of about 43,000 tons. Mr. Yaacobi said he would ask the government to instruct Israeli ambassadors abroad to

encouraga purchases. A formerly unknown Palestinian group has claimed responsibility for mercury-injected oranges found in Holland, Britain, West Germany and Den-mark

People in the News

No sparring for Ali before big fight

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, (R). — World heavyweight champion Mohammad Ali nas raised some eyehrows among the fight crowd here by not doing any sparring in the last four days for bit title against Leon Spinks on Wednesday night. The champion limited his exercising to shadow-boxing, punching the heavy bag and skipping rope. Ali's shrewd trainer, Angelo Dundee, says there's an easy explanation for the lack of sparring. The champion reached his target weight of 102.6 kgs. several days ago and doesn't want to be any lighter for the match. Meanwhile, Mr. Spinks, the 1976 Olympic light beavyweight champlon who has had only seven professional fights,

Saudi buys 200 boat fishing fleet

DETROIT, (A.P.). — A man identifying himself as a representative of the Saudi Arablan government strolled into a boat show bere and calmly ordered a 200 boat fishing fleet worth a total of \$3.6 million. The buyer, identifying himself only as D. Volerme, made the purchase during the 1978 Greater Michigan Boat Show, said Jean Schefsky, a representative for Midwest Correct Marine, who handled the transaction. Mr. Volerme made a \$50,000 downpayment on the fleet, she said. "T've never spent so little time to make so much money," the 42-year-old Mrs. Schefsky said. "The whole thing took a little over an hour. I walked into the display area when he was talking to two of our salesmen. They turned around and said this gentleman wants 200 boats. They told me later they wished they had a camera to catch the look on my face."

Polanski says U.S. trial was not fair

PARIS, (R). — A lawyer representing fugitive film director Roman Polanski said his client would stay in France to concentrate on the one area of his life in which the public had a legitimate interest -- his film work. In a press statement, la-wyer Georges Kiejman said Polisb-born Polanski, who had admitted having illegal sexual intercourse with a girl of 13, could no longer believe in the fairness of his trial in the United States. In the statement, the lawyer said promises made to Mr. Polanski and his U.S. lawyer, Mr. Douglas Dalton, we-re not kept by judge Laurence Rittenband, who was dealing with the case. Mr. Polanski "refuses to he part of a trial which is no longer fair," it sald.

The emperor's clothes become controversy

TOKYO, (AP). - The emperor's clothes have become a political issue in Japan. Two organisations are weary of the formal morning coat which Emperor Hirohito usually wears in public, and they want him to wear the traditional kimono. A member of the Japanese Diet, Kazuo Tamaki, said he intends to raise the issue in committee of the upper bouse next mon-th. Mr. Tamaki said the custom of having the emperor wear Western dress originated more than 100 years ago with the policy of the Japanese government to imitate the West. "There is no reason for the emperor not to wear Japanese clothes now that we have caught up with the West. This is a time to re-evaluate the good things in our own Japanese tradition," Mr. Tamaki said in an interview.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock prices lost ground slightly in quiet trading Monday dealers said, and at 15:00 hrs tha F.T. index was down 1.9 at 469,1.

Government bonds eased by up to 1/4 point after losing up to 3/7 initially while equities held steady around easier levels.

Dealers said trading interest was small ahead of the U.K. trade

figures for January, due Tuesday, and the monthly U.K. money

terday after conferring with King Hassan. The president also ordered the formation of a federal-state task force to ease suffering caused by the strike. French get ready to fight for their champagne rights

The French are getting ready to fight the Canadians and the British. The prize for the battle is one of the most cherished

By Jack Gee

possessions of France -- champagne.

EPERNAY, France, (F.T.) — Champagne producers' lawyers are poring over tons of international jurisprudence as they prepare for court battles all over the world in defence of the good name of French bub-

Their next big suit will be in Canada, where the govern-ment recently repudiated a tr-ade pact signed with France in 1933. This agreement protected each country's products against fraudulent imitations. Canada, which imports one million bottles of "champers' a year, has in the past upheld the French producers in a series of legal contests against firms which have marketed their own wines as champag-

But now the Canadian grape growers, most of whose vineyards are located on the banks of the Niagara Falls, can use the champagne hrandname with impunity.

Also pending is an action in Britain where the French are appealing to the House of Lords against a court decision to allow the pear-based buhhly drink Babycham to bear the hallowed name of champagne.

The champagne producers obtained an order calling for the Bahycham makers to advertise their beverage as champagne perry, hut this judgment was overturned by an appeal court.

Fight for reputation

In Epernay, a country town nestling among the champagne vines, the producers are confident they will win once again, even if it costs long years of effort and tens of thousands of pounds in lawyers'

Joseph D'Argent, spokesman for the industry, says: "We are used to coping with this sort of problem. It is a permanent irritation which does untold damage to the reputation of champagne. But we st-all fight on till victory."

With its sister city Rheims, Epernay pays some of the bi-ggest taxes per head of pop-ulation in France, a sure yardstick of the prosperity of 44,500 acres of vineyard. Some 250 small villages nestle between the lazy river Marne and the horse-shoe shaped mountain of Rheims.

In the golden haze of autumn the landscape is worthy of a French impressionist painter's canvas. But in a winter frost the view is so harsh that it is easy to see that this is a northern outpost of cultivation of the grape.

The 16,250 producers, of whom one in four lives off less than half an acre, are enjoying a boom which has brought production beyond 150 million bottles a year, half as much again as in 1970.

But they are all the more determined to preserve the good name of their product. Spokesman Joseph D'Argent says: "We just cannot afford to sit hack and let dishonest imitators take the spoils".

Getting bitter about the label

With between one-quarter and one-third of output packed for export, the producers are waxing increasingly bitter against foreign grape growers who use the champagne label on their bottles.

One of the biggest court-room successes marked up by

were the British agents of the Court of Quebec ruled in fa-Costa Brava wine company which distributed a Spanish bubbly in the guise of the French original. The Spanish were not to bl-

ame. They cautiously sold their product as Perelada. In his judgment Mr. Justice Danck-werts said: "This is unfair competition. Clearly, the word champagne must be applied exclusively to the product made in the region of Champagne."

The judge gave the British importers 48 hours to remove the label "champagne" from 60,000 offending bottles. A jubilant representative of the Bollinger champagne firm, one of the biggest exporters to the British market, said: "We have won a great victory. Our sales will go up by at least 30 per cent".

French producers can also be found among the offenders. One of them, Decoin, whose vineyard lies within the Champagne area was found guilty in 1971 of mixing bis wine with cider and selling it as pure champers.

Decoin had sold 15,000 bottles of his concoction before he was brought to book. Sentenced to a fine of £80,000 and a suspended jail term of two months, he had to sell off his vines in order to pay. The new tussle with the

Canadian producers, now backed by their own government, is a painful setback for the French growers. Says Joseph D'Argent: "It seems there is never any end to warfare in the Canadian courts."

It is now over 20 years since the champagne makers launched their first campaign in Canada to ensure that imitations were not marketed under the name of the product of Epernay and Rheims. in 1957 the French sought

\$100,000 in damages from Chateaugai Wines Limited of Toronto for selling the prodthe champagne producers was acted out in 1960 at London's law courts. In the dock until 1976 that the Supreme

vour of France's producers. Meanwhile the real stuff continues to do surprisingly well, in spite of tha recession which hit the sales of many luxury products in the wake of the Middle East war of

1973. In 1975 the French alone drank nearly 94 million bot-tles of champagne, an all time record and 10 million bottles more than their previous highest total in 1972. In order to safeguard their markets in Britain, which for two centuries has been Champagne's best foreign customer, the makers even lowered their prices.

Joseph D'Argent says: 'This was good policy, because Britisb sales shot up from 3 million bottles in 1975 to over

million in 1976. "After all, champagne has been drunk all over the world since Dom Perignon invented it in the 17th century. What matters most to us, besides our good name, is to make and keep satisfied customers".

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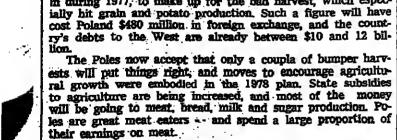
supply figures due on Thursday.

Gold shares advanced in active trading, while U.S. and Cana-

dian shares were quietly mixed.

The leading industrials closed steady to mixed with Reed 7p bigher at 107p while Bowaters, Thorn, Tube Investments and Unilever fell by up to 4p. Royal Dutch gained 1/2 stg. while other oil ahares closed narrowly mixed.

Thomson organisation was unchanged at 212p ex-cap. Properties firmed while banks were quietly steady.



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Industrial production is to rise by 6.3 per cent. exports are to rise by 10.3 per cent, a relatively unambitious goal, in comparison with this year's target of 13 per cent. me economic observers are speculating that a total clampdo-We may be put on imports from all but Comecon countries.



ational News Roundup

Saudi military delegation here

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - A delegation from the Royal Saudi Arabian military academy arrived in Amman Sunday on a weeklong visit to Jordan. They will meet with Jordanian officials and army officers, and will visit a number of military institutions and army positions, as well as touristic and archaeological sites.

Talks held with Chinese ambassador

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). — Agricultural topics were discussed here oo Sunday between the Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a and the Chinese Ambassador io Ammao. Agriculture ministry sources said the minister will visit China next April at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart to acquaint himself with agricultural projects in China. On Monday the Chinese ambassador met with minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf to discuss matters related to cultural cooperation between the two

Air agreement to be signed with Iran; delegate for telecomms. meeting chosen

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - The Council of Ministers Sunday authorised the Jordanian ambassador in Tehran to sign an Irani-Jordanian agreement on air transport on behalf of Jordan The agreement aims at increasing the size of transportation of goods and passengers between the two countries. The Council of Ministers also decided oo Sunday to delegate the Director General of the Telecommunications Department Mohammad Ismail to Kuwait to attend the meeting of the Arao Telecommunications Corporatioo committee which will be beld on Feb. 22.

Soviet photo exhibit depicts good relations

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni Mooday evening opened a photo exhibit at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The seven-day exhibit includes photos depicting aspects of friendsbip between Jordao and the Soviet Union in particular and the Arab-Soviet friendship in general. It is being beld on the occasioo of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Union of Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. The exhibit was also attended by the Soviet ambassador, a oumber of bis staff, members of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society and other guests.

Ministers check on work in Mudawwara

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - The ministers of interior, finance, toarism and public works are starting on Tuesday an inspection four to the Mudawwara southern outpost oo the Jordanian-Saudi freetier to see how work is going in this centre which links Jurdan with Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia.

Ramallah mayor pays a visit

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). — The minister of Information Adnao Abu Odeh received Sunday at his office in Amman the visiting Mayor of Ramallah Karim Khalaf. Discussions during the meeting centered on the conditions of citizens in the occupied city and municipality projects.

Citibank's new building inaugurated

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). — A new building for Citibank in Ammao was inaugurated Sunday. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Minister of information Adnan Abu Odeh a number of bank managers, leading businessmeo and the American ambassador in

Jordan University broadens its horizons

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - The University of Jordao today approved a suggestion by the World Health Organisation (WHO) designating the university library as a regional nucleus for the exchange of information. The university also accepted an invitation by the Imam Mobammad Ibo Saud Islamic University io Saudi Arabia to participate in the magazine which the latter intends to

WHAT'S GOING ON

A film entitled "Nordsee ist Mordsee" will be showing tonight at 7:00 at the Goethe Institute. This adventure film is subtitled in

Another film is showing at 5:00 at the British Council a repeat of "Glitterball" for children.

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4	Arab Pharmaceutical Co	1D	5.000	1,008	11.790	11.750	11.700	11.750	_	_
5	Jordan Electricity Co	JD.	1,000	536	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	_	_
5	Cement Factory	D	10.000	933	15.500	15,550	15.550	15.550	15.550	_
7	Ceramics Factory	JD	1.000	630	1.000	1.050	1.050	1.050	_	_
8	Jordan Petroleum Co		5.000	7,383	6.900	6.900	6.900	6.900	6.850	6.900



Princess Alia celebrates her birthday

AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - Her Highness Princes Alia celebrated her 22nd birthday today. The elder daughter of His Majesty King Hussein, Princess Alle is an English language graduate from the University of Jordan (1977), and was married to Mr. Nase Wasfi Mirza on the 11th of last July. She takes par in students activities and is active in Jordanian social service and voluntary humanitarian societies.

Jordan's orchards will bloom following U.N. agreement



AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA). - Jordan's Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a and the permanent representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Jordan sign an agreement about fruit

Under the terms of the agreement Jordan will receive a loan of \$11,867,000 from the World Food Programme to finance the planting of fruit trees in the country.

120,000 dunums of land lying between Yarmouk River in the north and Wadi Musa in the south will be reclaimed for orchards.

The project, to be carried out over a period of three years, will be wholly supervised by the ministry of agriculture which will offer farmers technical assistance.

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AMMAN, Feb. 13 (JNA) ... 17-member delegation repre-nting the Franco-Arab Chang of Commerce discussed with number of Jordanian bus men here today means of engthening French trade a

The delegation which an ed in Amman last night o 5-day visit is scheduled to ld further contacts with denian factory owners and sinessmen with the aim of ting up joint French-Jorda ventures and promoting exchange of Jordanian and ench goods.

Meanwhile, trade with zerland will elso be boo The Amman Chamber of la stry yesterday nrged Jon ian industrial institutions cooperate with Swiss busin blishing joint Swiss-Jorda Industries, These will be the manufacture of clothes, ildren toys, electrical equent, glass and construction terials.

A Swiss delegation will in Amman next month to contacts with Jordanian nessmen to set up such

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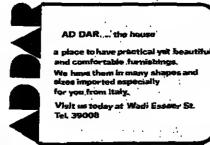
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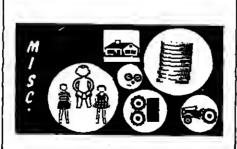
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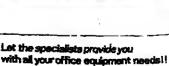






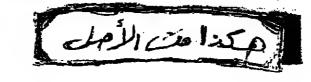


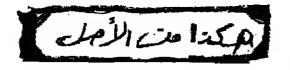




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uties efficiently and creatively at this time. Certain monetary matters can wait for the time being.

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LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Use your intelligent judgment handling an important civic matter. Avoid one who has eya on your assets. Relax at home tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Follow the advice of a VINGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22, nsted associate and clear up a perplexing problem. Be ore objective in your business dealings. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Listening to what a good

iend has to suggest will help you solve a vexing problem.

Wening is fine for personal happiness. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you are in some kind My Fe trouble, contact a trusted friend who can be most

in a lipful to you. Avoid the social tonight. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Tasks at hand ay be annoying but have to be done, so plow right

rough and get rid of them. Be logical.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A time to follow your " ztuitive promptings that will help you in both business and personal affairs. Express happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A close family friend nderstands a problem you have and can be helpful in it. Strive for harmony with family members.

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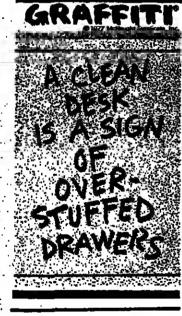
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Q.5-As South vulnerable. you bold: **♦A872** ♥**A10985** ♦982 **♣**7 The bidding bas proceeded: North East South Wast 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ? What action do you taks?

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♦854 ♥AK ◊AKQ10 ♣AJ98 The hidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass Pass 1 ♦ Pass Pass 2 🕈 What do you bid now?

Q.7-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: +QJ983 ♥A6 ♦954 +AQ8

The bidding has proceeded:

Q.6—Both vulnersble, as

South you hold:

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you hold: **♦1095 ♥863 ♦AK ♠KQ983** The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 0 1 4 2 4 Pass 2 O Pass What do you bid now?

West North East South 1 + Pass 2 o Pass 2 4 Pass Pass What action do you take?

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Bomb blast kills 2 as closed Commonwealth talks start in Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia Feb. 13 — Twelve British Commonwealth leaders from the Asian-Pacific region started a closed round of talks in the world body's first regional meeting in Sydney today. The four-day conference went on as scheduled despite an early morning explosion outside the hotel where the visitors were staying. Two persons were killed and nine others were

Under stringent security, the 12 Asian and Pacific leaders spent nearly four hours in what the conference spokes-man described as "sober talks" but on a more relaxed level than the full meetings of the 36-nation Commonwealth

Attending the conference are the prime ministers or presidents of Australia, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tonga and Western Samoa.

After accepting Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's proposal to include the cont-rol of illicit drugs on the agenda, the spokesman said, the leaders moved on to a wide-ranging discussion encompassing the growing international arms race, border conflicts, the battle in the Horn of Africa and Southern Africa, and the Middle East situation.

The end of the session, the spokesman said, was devoted

killed, 22 hurt in train collision southeast of Cairo

CAIRO, Feb. 13 (R). — Senior police officials said five people were killed and 22 were injured today in a train crash

southeast of here. They amended earlier police reports that more than 20 people had died and 100 had been

injured. Police said the casualties we-re caused when electric train bringing commuters from the industrial suburb of Helwan left the rails and was in collision with another train coming from

earlier casualty figures

were attributed to the confuaion following the accident. The accident took place 35 kms, southeast of Cairo.

Police said another train coming from Cairo on its way to Helwan collided with the derailed train. The earlier statement sald this was followed by another collision when a third He-lwan-Cairo train hit overtur-

ned carriages. Police sealed off the area and long convoys of buses, taxis and private cars were rerouted, causing traffic jams during the capital's morning rusb hour.

Thai forces kill 50 Cambodians, allies

in new border clashes

bave been killed in clashes with Thai government forces in northeast Thailand, a senior provincial official said today.

Mr. Pramoon Chanchamnong, Governor of Ubon Ratchathani Province, told reporters the latest incident occurred yesterday in Paed-Um village of the province's Namyuen district near the Cambodian border, where 300 inhabitants were seized by the combined forces during a raid last Thursday.

Ha said at least 50 Cambodians and communists were killed for no losses among the

BANGKOK, Feb. 13 (R). — At least 50 Cambodian soldiers and local communist guerrillas on Thursday, 20 invaders were on Thursday, 20 invaders were killed and 20 more fell in fighting there the next day.

Mr. Pramoon said the raiders used heavy weapons, including rockets, M-79 grenade launchers and M-16 automatic rifles, to attack the village. He said hundreds of people in seven villages near the scene had been evacuated to the provincial district of Namyuen following the incidents, which

he described as "very serious". The fate of the 300 inhabitants was not known, "but my duty is to get them back," Mr. Pramoon added. to the problems of the Pacific

In the economic talks, Ma-laysia's Prime Minister Hussein Onn presented a lengthy working paper for more detailed discussions over the next three days, the spokesman said.

The proposal to set up a common fund to stabilise world commodity prices, strongly backed by the Fraser government, also was discussed in some detail, the spokesman said.

Police meanwhile continued their hunt for those responsible for planting the bomb in a re-fuse bin in front of the hotel. Two city garbage workers died when the bomb went off. Police are looking for three men and an escaped convict believed to have been involved at one time with the Ananda Marga (Path of Eternal Bliss) religious sect.

The Indian-based movement has been accused by Indian envoys in Australia of a series of attacks on Indian diplomatic staff and buildings.

Thatcher's tough immigration" speech gives Tories poll opinion

LONDON, Feb. 13 (R). - Britain's opposition Conservatives took an 11 per cent lead over the ruling Labour Party after their party leader Margaret Thatcher promised tougher curbs on coloured immigration, a public opinion poll said today.

A similar survey last month said Labour, which does not have to call a general election until autumn 1979, had a two per cent popularity lead among a sample of voters.

But according to the latest poll, taken after Mrs. Thatche-'s controversial "stop immigration" speech on Jan. 30, there

has been a dramatic swing.

Published in the Conservative Daily Mail newspaper, the
poll said that 50 per cent supported the Conservatives, 39 per cent Labour, seven per cent Liberal and four per cent others. Mrs. Thatcher returned to the immigration theme yesterday, reiterating that Britain must cut the present annual in-flow to Britain of 40,000 to 50,000 immigrants, mainly of Asian origin or from the Caribbean.

There are an estimated 1.9 million coloured people in Britain and a white population of 54 million.
"I believe that we shall succeed in maintaining and securing our traditional tolerance and fairness in this country only f we cut the number of immigrants coming in now," said

She was speaking in the Northern England town of Harr-ogate to a gathering of Young Conservatives, one of whom asked her why she did not try to attract the immigrant vote. Conservative policies were for all people regardless of back-

ground, she replied.

Prime Minister James Callaghan's Party, which after a substantial recent economic development in Britain could be tempted to call an election this year, has accused Mrs. Thatcher of trying to woo votes through making race an issue.

Salisbury accord threatened as Muzorewa still disagrees

SALISBURY, Feb. 13 (R). — The most crucial of all 33 sessions of the Rhodesian internal settlement conference opened today in an atmosphere of deep

uncertainty.
Three of the delegations -two black groups and the white minority government -- were prepared to sign a constitutional agreement in principle today but the fourth, the pow-erful United African National Council (UANC) of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, has indicated it is

nowhere near that stage.
The UANC is at odds with the others on two key issues: the method of electing a minority white block in the parliament of a black majority-ru-

led Zimbabwe, and the composition of the amed forces of tha new state.

The talks were adjourned on Friday to give the UANC time to consider its position on white representation. But at a ne-ws conference yesterday Bishop Muzorewa gave no bint that he was prepared to compromise.

"I could tell you I'm optimi-stic if (Rhodesian Premier Ian) Smith wants to listen to what the UANC is going to say and accept that," the bishop said. "At the same time I would say

maybe I'm pessimistic. Maybe Mr. Smith will not accept it."
Premier Smith, the Rev. Nds. baningi Sithole of the African National Council (ANC) and tribal Chief Jeremiah Chirar's Zimbabwe United People's Onganisation (ZUPO) had agreed ganisation (ZUPO) had agreed that, in a 100-seat house, the re should be 28 white members of parliament elected directions. parliament elected directly

by whites.
The UANC has conceded only 20 whites-only seats, with a fa-rther eight whites elected by a mixed roll of blacks and whites

Chirac warns

of leftist

poll victory

PARIS, Feb. 13 (R). — France's Gauliist Party has launched its campaign to stay in go-vernment with dire warnings of what will happen if Communists win a share of power in next month's parliamentary el-

The first round of the election takes place four weeks from yesterday, Sunday, and the Gaullist chief, former Pre-mier Jacques Chirac, addres-sed the warnings this weekend to a Paris rally attended by an estimated 100,000 party fo-

llowers.
M. Chirac, speaking after opinion polls gave a lead to the Socialist-Communist opposition, told his cheering audienca:
"The Communist Party has
the means to paralyse you and
to paralyse France,"
Wherever the Communists
were in power in the world

men are still put in prison for a book written for a thought expressed," said M. Chirac, now the Mayor of Paris. He declared that France fa-

ced servitude and economic disaster if a leftist coalition including the Communists, was allowed to apply its program-

The latest opinion poli, in the magazine Le Point, gives the left opposition 52 per cent of the first-round vote with 44 per cent for the government parties (Gaullists, President Va-lery Giscard d'Estaing's Republicans and the Centrists), two per cent for Ecology candidates and two per cent for others. According to this poli, the leftists will win a 33-seat majority in the National Assembly if they agree beforehand to back each other's best-placed candidates in the March 19 second-round ballot.

If no such agreement is forthcoming - - and the Communists are refusing to commit themselves -- the poll suggests that the government parties will hold on to power with a majority of 261 to 212.

The Gaullists now have the biggest representation in the National Assembly.

Nazi salutes at Kappler's burial

SOLTAU, West Germany, Feb. 13 (AP). - With a trumpeted farewell and Nazi salutes, SS officer Herbert Kappler was bu-ried in a pine-lined grave in this town of 15,000 today. Herr Kappler was buried after a one-hour service in a grey stucko cemetery chapel where rumbling artillery from nearby NATO firing ranges provided a background for prayers and hymns. Four unidentified men gave the Nazi salute at the open grave. Herr Kappler, an escaped Nazi war criminal, died of stomach cancer last week in his wife's modest apartment above a downtown pharmacy bere. Frau Kappler had smuggled her husband from Rome where he was serving a life sentence for the 1944 reprisal slaying of 335 Italian civilians.

Paraguay's Stroessner president for elected 6th term -- as expected

ASUNCION, Feb. 13 (R). — Paraguay's Gen. Alfredo Stroessner was re-elected to his sixth term as President by an overwhelming majority in ye-sterday's general elections, according to unofficial results an-

nounced here.
The head of Gen. Streessner's Colorado Party, Dr. Juan Ramon Chaves, announced on radio last night that the 65year-old strongman and his ruling party had "triumphed in these fair elections, obtaining 85 per cent of the votes in all electoral districts."

Ha said 890,361 of the 993,547 votes cast were for Gen. Stroessner and the Colorado Party. There were 180,000 absten-

Official figures for the wat-ing were not expected for a few days, but no one doubted that Gen. Stroessner, who has ruled this poor landlocked South American nation with an iron grip for 23 years, would win by a wide margin. Officials said the elections had been peaceful and orderly and no incidents were repor-

World News Briefs

U.S. bomb accidentally lands in Sardinia

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, Feb. 13 (R). — A United States fighter-bomber accidentally dropped a 200 kgs. bomb on this Mediteranean island last Saturday, local officials said today. The bomb blasted a crater on a resort area 70 kms. southwest of here, causing widespread panic but no Injuries. It was dropped by a plane from the Sixth Fleet aircraft carrier Nimitz during a joint Italian-American exercise, the officials said. U.S. navy officials said they would issue a statement on the incident later.

More Cosmos fragments found in Canada

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 13 (R). — More debris from a nuclear powered Soviet space satellite which fell to earth over Canada three weeks ago has been recovered during th weekend, Canadian External Affairs Minister Donald Jamieson said. Mr. Jamieson on, in New York for crucial talks on the future of Namibia, 55 ace to take up the satellite question at meetings beginning to-Canada expected the United Nations Committee on Outer Sp

Israelis will see film on Arab eviction

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (R). — After a week-long storm over censo ship, Israell Television viewers will see a film today depicting the uprooting of Arab villagers during the 1948 war. The state broadcasting authority voted 18-to-six yesterday to go sheet with the broadcast. The film, Khirbet Hiza, was made by Mr. Ram Levy, a young director who teaches at Tel Aviv University. Critics have argued that the film provides "propaganda for Istalia enemies." Opposition politicians and the press denounced the decision of the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Zevihin Hammer, to ber last Monday's scheduled showing.

40 killed in Canadian airplane crash

CRANBROOK, British Columbia, Feb. 13 (R). — Forty people were killed when a Canadian Boeing 737 airliner crashed Saharday into a snowbank here and exploded in a ball of flame. pital authorities reported only seven survivors, ona crew members er and six passengers, from the Pacific Western Airlines plane.

A spokesman said some of those who escaped were badly interest of from burns. The twin-engine jet, carrying 42 passengers and a crew of five, was trying to land in a snowstorm. Eye-witnessed said the pilot apparently tried to gain altitude at the last mint but overshot the runway and crashed into a snowbank. Flant shot some 60 metres in the air from the wreckage. The plan was flying from Fort McMurray, Alberta, with stops in Edmonton, Calgary and Cranbrook, to Castlegar, British Columbia.

29 Mediterranean states call for peace

ATHENS, Feb. 13 (R). — Delegates from 29 countries borders the Mediterranean yesterday pledged to make the region a zone of peace. In a resolution at the end of a five-day conference to dispersion of the conference to dispersion of the conference to the conference cuss peace, security and cooperation in the Mediterranean ti delegates said they would also work for the simultaneous distinction of NATO and the Warsaw Pact. The resolution adopted it about 400 delegates called on governments to make every effect to reduce arms in the region with the aim of transforming the Mediterranean into a zone of peace. It called for settlements to make the constraints of the constraints o long-standing disputes, such as Cyprus, rival Greek and Turker claims to the Aegean and the Middle East. The conference or organised by the Greek Preparatory Committee on behalf of the Cycle of the Cy World Peace Council.

Progress said made in Namibia talks despite Botha's walkout

(Agencies) — The five Western Security Council members, brushing aside the surprise with-drawal of South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha, today insisted progress bad been made in talks here on Namibia (South West Africa).

Mr. Botha cut short weekend disscussions with the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany and was today flying home to report to his

government. U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry, spokesman for the Western team, said Mr. Botha told them he had reached the limit of his instructions in the on independence for the mineral rich territory from South Africa.

In a rare combined press conference, the five foreign ministers said progress had been made towards agreement between South Africa and the nationalists of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said: "I would say, on the whole, I think we have made some progress," Dr. David Owen of Britain, Mr. Donald Jamieson of Canada, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West-Germany and M. Louis de Giuringaud of France each endorsed began last Thursday at the level of officials, had been very useful. But he said there were some difficult issues still to be resolved.

M. de Guiringaud said. "Now there is a fair chance that Namibia will accede to independence within the framework of U.N. resolutions."

South Africa rules Namibia under an old League of Nat-ions mandate revoked 12 years ago by the United Nations. Talks aimed at bringing in-

dependence to the territory by the end of this year after internationally-supervised elections have been going on since last April

ster Botha abandoned the ta-Iks on Sunday saying his whtte-ruled country would not take part in yielding the dis-puted territory to "Marxists". "I am not willing to be a party to handing over that territory to Marxists, putting it in ashes and flames," Mr. Botha told a news conference before leaving.
He named as Marxists the

U.N.-recognised SWAPO. In Cape Town, South African Prime Minister John Yorster said today his country would issue a comprehensive statement on the New York

talks "at the earliest available opportunity."
Mr. Vorster said, however, the statement would be issued only after Foreign Minister Botha briefs the cabinet and South African Foreign Mini- consults with interested parties in South West Africa it-

Poisoned grapefruit in Italy

MILAN, Feb. 13 (R). - Officials in northern Italy banned the sale of grapefruit in Milan today after finding mercury traces in a shipment from Israel. The discovery of poisoned grapefruit, which followed reports of the appearance of mercury-injected Israeli oranges in various parts of Europe, was made during a routine inspection in Bergamo Province. Italy does not import oranfrom Israel but health authorities ordered checks on all citrus fruit two weeks ago when five Dutch children fell ill after eating poisoned oranges. The poisoned grapefruit was discovered Romanombardo and Ciserano were imported from Israel and sold through markets in Milan and Bergamo, officials said.

Begin's "economic policy" promised paradise; so far only higher prices have been achieved

When Israel "freed" its economy and floated its pound late last year the economy minister predicted that the measures would eventually turn Israel into the Switzerland of the Middle East. Meanwhile, however, they have pushed up prices and put pressure on the poorer Israelis.

By Judith Perera

LONDON — The Israeli Labour Party (Mapai) which ruled Israel for the first 30 years of its existence, was inspired by a mixture of socialism and Zionism brought to the Middle East by its founders, many of whom came from Eastern Europe. Initially the socialist influence was strong, but with time it has been modified so that in recent years Israel's economy might be described as state-controlled capitalism.
The socialist institutions. however, still remain -- the kibbutz system and the powerful trades union federation (Histadrut) - and it is these which may prove the biggest obstacle to the new govern-

ment in its attempts to "free"

the Israeli economy.

Some 90 per cent of the work force belong to the Histadrut and over 30 per cent are employed by it. Moreover, It is responsible for 25 per cent of the country's production and accounts for 20 per cent of industry, 40 per cent of construction and 75 per cent agriculture (mainly through the kibbutz movement). It also owns a number of banks and runs the national insurance scheme. Its main weakness is its bureaucracy. Critics aay that it has become increasing ly distant from the members.

Government subsidies

Three decades of Labour Party rule also resulted in extensive government involvement in the economy. Last year it employed over 30 per

cent of the labour force and government spending accounted for about 70 per cent of the national income. There was a complicated system of subsidies and taxes, including in-come tax of 62 per cent, and local industry was beavily protected by import tariffs and export incentives. There were also stringent currency and exchange controls.

This undoubtedly helped is-rael to industrialise fast and some contribution to maintaining one of the highest levels of defence spending in the world. But it was not nearly enough and the country became ever more dependent on regular and massive injections of foreign aid. Prime Minister Menachem Begin re-cently noted: "Today we are dependent on overseas aid even for our breakfast." In 1977, for example, U.S. aid amounted to \$1,800 million and a further \$2,000 million came in from other sources.

In spite of this support the

Israeli economy had begun to crack with an inflation rate

of almost 40 per cent and a

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growth rate of barely 1 per

cent. Investment fell by

30 per cent rise in exports, and the foreign debt bas reached \$10,000 million. "New policy" It was in part dissatisfac-

ther 5 per cent last year. The

balance of payments deficit is

now \$3,000 million despite a

tion with this situation which brought Mr. Begin to power last May, ending 30 years of Labour Party government. Mr. Begin brought in U.S. economist Milton Friedman to advise bim and almost immediately set about "freeing" the Israeli economy and removing the "distortions" of Mapal

"socialism".

The first steps of the 'new economic pollcy' were taken last July when subsidles wecut by 25 per cent as part of total government spending cuts of \$235 million, which included a freeze on the civil service. Three months later the policy was implemented with full force, The Israeli pound was floated and immediately devalued by some 45 per cent, import licences were removed from all goods except 300 carefully-selected items, per cent in 1976 and by ano- currency restrictions were lif-

ted, export incentives abolished and value-added tax increased from 8 to 12 per cent. As a result, in November alone the cost of living rose by 11.8 per cent and the overall rise in prices is expected to approach 50 per cent. There were numerous strikes against the measures, but in the end the Histadrut leadership decided not to call a general strike because of tional considerations".

"Switzerland of Mideast"

Economy Minister Simha Ehrlich is highly optimistic about the possible effect of the measures. He claims they could transform Israel into the "Switzerland of the Middle East," attracting foreign investment and reducing dep-eodence on foreign aid. But some of the less efficient in-dustries will without doubt go to the wall without the protection they previously enjoy-ed, and this together with the civil service freeze will increase unemployment.

The industries expected to be hardest hit are plastics and rubber, textiles, and chemicals -- all of which are the

mainstay of the Nagab Desert development towns where the poorer Oriental Jews are concentrated. Ironically, it was the Oriental Jewish vote which was largely responsible for bringing Mr. Begin to po-

The Sephardic Jews now constitute over half of Israel'a Jewish population and they see the Labour Party and its institutions as the party of cultural snobbery and as a European "closed shop".

When the claimed full effects of the new measures are felt, however, they may switch their allegiance and one of the results of the new economic policy might be the re alignment of Israeli society along more traditional class lines. The deciding factor in this, however, will be the abllity of the Labour establishment to adapt to the new situation. If it can forget its European roots and dismantle its crippling bureaucracy, it could take advantage of the discontent among the poorer sections of Israeli society which the new measures are bound

to produce. Financial Times News-Features

